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For: MASS ANALYSIS APPARATUS AND  
METHOD FOR MASS ANALYSIS

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
MS: Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the election of species requirement set forth in the Office Action dated March 2, 2005. Applicant hereby elects the species of FIG. 2, for continued examination, without traverse. At least claims 1-9 read upon FIG. 2.

In addition, upon the allowance of a generic claim, such as claim 1 in the present case, Applicant would be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all of the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141. In this case, at least claims 2-10 would be entitled to consideration.



An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof  
are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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